

**Resolution authorizing a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. (CNHC) to provide primary health care, diabetes and other related services
(Community Partnerships) (\$978,841.00)**

WHEREAS, Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. (CNHC) is a not-for-profit organization and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) whose mission is to provide primary health care and related services to the residents of Franklin County, particularly individuals who have no ready access to health care; and

WHEREAS, approximately 134,000 Franklin County residents are uninsured and their lack of access to healthcare contributes to lost productivity in the workplace as well as to escalating healthcare costs, and causes critical delays in receiving medical treatment for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Diabetes Association (CODA) has helped Central Ohioans with diabetes to detect their condition, prevent onset and complications, and learn to live well with the challenge of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, in Franklin County the diabetes mortality rate is twice that of the national average, with the incidence of diabetes being especially high in the underserved and uninsured populations; and

WHEREAS, if left untreated, diabetes can cause devastating damage to the eyes, kidneys, heart, nerves and blood vessels and result in medical expenditures that are over twice as high than would otherwise occur if the person did not have diabetes, and yet the disease can largely be prevented and controlled through diet, nutrition therapy, meal planning and exercise; and

WHEREAS, CNHC has partnered with CODA for the purpose of making health care, diabetes and other related services available to the residents of Franklin County and helping individuals to maintain healthy and productive lives, especially the underserved and medically vulnerable population; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to support the CNHC and its partner, the CODA, and does so by entering into this agreement as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.85;

WHEREAS, this expenditure is in accordance with the fiscal sustainability principles of Resolution 928-08; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached collaboration agreement between Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$978,841.00, are hereby approved.

Prepared by Kate Matheny

cc: Auditor

Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.
Central Ohio Diabetes Association